

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 6, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2168 - HB 2112**

This bill, if enacted, will create a mechanism by which a registered voter may challenge a candidate's nominating petition with respect to age and residency requirements. The bill allows for an informal hearing by the registrar-at-large, who may find for accepting or rejecting the candidate's petition. If the registrar finds against the candidate, the candidate may file for a formal hearing before the county election commission. The Commission shall conduct the hearing pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government* expenditures to the extent formal contested case hearings are held before the county election commission which would not be held in the absence of this bill. Such increase in local government expenditures will depend upon in which county the hearings are held and how many hearings are required to be held, but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*